

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 3, line 12 and ending at line 15, with the following.

--Further, the known apparatus is disadvantageous in that a manufacturing cost is increased because each of the ~~feeding~~ feeding paths of the recording sheet and the document is provided with the guide member, the roller means and the like.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 3, line 20 and ending at page 4, line 4, with the following.

--To achieve the above object, a typical arrangement according to the present invention is characterized in an image forming and reading apparatus that comprises an image forming means for forming an image on a fed recording sheet and an image reading means for reading the image of a fed document, wherein at least a portion of the ~~feeding~~ feeding path of the recording sheet is common to at least a portion of the ~~feeding~~ feeding path of the document, and the image reading means can be set to a first position evacuated_(moved) from the common feeding path and to a second position at which the image of the document that is fed through the common feeding path is read, and a reading position at which the image is read by the image reading means is located downstream of the image forming means in a recording sheet feeding direction.--

Please replace the paragraph starting at page 12, line 21 and ending at page 13, line 1, with the following.

--Further, the document fed from the document feed unit 40 is also fed to ~~an~~ a document reading position by the feeding roller 10 and the pinch rollers 16, and the document, from which data has been read, is discharged by the discharge roller 17 and the spurs 18. That is, the feeding path between the nip portion between the feeding roller 10 and the pinch rollers 16 and the nip portion between the discharge roller 17 and the spurs 18 is used commonly by the recording sheets 2 and the documents 12. Then, they are fed by the same transportation means.--

Please replace the abstract with the following.

~~--The present invention relates to n~~ An image forming and reading apparatus ~~comprising:~~ includes an image forming ~~means~~ portion for forming an image on a fed recording sheet[[;]] and an image reading ~~means~~ portion for reading the image of a fed document[[.]]. ~~wherein at~~ At least a portion of the feeding path of the recording sheet is common to at least a portion of the feeding path of the document, and the image reading ~~means~~ portion can be set to a first position ~~evacuated~~ moved from the common feeding path and to a second position at which the image of the document that is fed through the common feeding path is read, and a reading position at which the image is read by the image reading ~~means~~ portion is located downstream of the image forming ~~means~~ portion in a recording sheet feeding direction.--